

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**FOR**  
**HIGGINS-KING HOUSE**  
**14700 BERRYVILLE ROAD, DARNESTOWN**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/23  
Approximate Building Date: late 1840s - early 1850s  
Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown  
Access: Private

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**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. M24-23

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Higgins-King House

and/or common Fox-Afoot-Farm

**2. Location**

street & number 14700 Berryville Road not for publication

city, town Darnestown vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>occupied</u>	<u>agriculture</u> <u>museum</u>
<u>building(s)</u>	<u>private</u>	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u> <u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u> <u>private residence</u>
<u>site</u>	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>entertainment</u> <u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>yes: restricted</u>	<u>government</u> <u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u> <u>transportation</u>
	<u>not applicable</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>military</u> <u>other:</u>

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Katherine F. Magurn

street & number 14700 Berryville Road telephone no.: (301)948-8321

city, town Germantown state and zip code MD 20874

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber3812

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio584

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Higgins-King Farm, established c1840, is sited on a hill at the end of a long driveway from Berryville Road. The house is a mid-late nineteenth century rural vernacular frame farmhouse which underwent extensive alterations in the early-mid twentieth century. Outbuildings include a log smokehouse, corn crib, and barn. The picturesque, still-rural setting, including mature trees around the house, rolling open fields, and woods, is important to the character of the resource.

The main block, which faces north, is two stories tall and five bays wide with a side gable roof and center cross gable. The roof, covered with scalloped asphalt shingles, has return cornices at both gable ends and an internal chimney at the west gable end. A wide cornice is embellished with modillions and anchored on each end by scroll brackets. Asbestos shingles cover the original wood siding. Most windows are double glazed sash with six over six sandwich muntins, plain surrounds, and louvered shutters. A single, six light casement window is found at the east gable end. The foundation is Seneca sandstone.

The symmetrical north facade has a center entrance with a one story, one bay, front gable, pedimented portico supported by paired Doric columns. On the second level above the entrance is an undersized replacement window with sandwich muntins. The standard replacement windows are located in the remaining four bays on the first and second level. The center gable features a louvered semi-circular window.

At the west end of the main block is a lower two-story, one-bay wing which is obscured from the front by a large tree. Windows are six over six and shuttered, the cornice is returned, and the roof is raised-seam metal.

Attached to the east end of the main block is a one story, two bay, side gable wing with a return cornice and a louvered semicircular window at the east gable end. Windows are six over six sash and shuttered, siding is clapboard, the roof is raised-seam metal, and the foundation is concrete-block. The wing was constructed by the current owner in the 1980s to replace a glassed-in porch.

A two story, three bay ell extends to the rear from the northeast corner of the main block; it is asphalt shingled and the roof is covered in scalloped asphalt shingles. There is a return cornice at the south gable end with a louvered semicircular window and an internal chimney at the ridge line. At the south elevation of the ell, in

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the east-most bay, is an entrance with a small, bracketed, front pedimented portico. At the northwest corner of the ell, where it joins the main block, there is a one story, shed roof addition with a recessed entrance to the kitchen in the northmost bay.

At the rear of the west wing is a one story, one bay entrance porch covered with a front gable, pedimented portico supported by narrow, square posts. The porch has a Chippendale-style railing, is reached by a short flight of steps, and faces a stone patio.

The earliest part of the structure may date from the late 1840s or early 1850s, consisting of a two story house, with one room on each floor and being the west two bays of the present five bay front section of the house (now containing a living room and upper bedroom). Beneath this section, originally, was a root cellar, and the floor beams are of log construction. The two rooms have brick fireplaces, although the fireplace in the bedroom is no longer used. Original hand-hewn shingles are visible in the attic.

About 1896 the house was enlarged with a center hall and dining room to the east, and a rear kitchen ell was built with upstairs bedroom. Though the massing of the front section conforms with the earlier Federal style, the east section does not appear original since there is no chimney. In addition this section contained a bay window in the dining room, a full-width porch across the front, and two over two sash windows, all features found in this area in the last quarter of the 19th century. Decorative brackets were added to the eaves and the entire house was covered with German siding. On the interior, the center hall stairway featured a solid walnut newel post and stair rail.

The Kings, who acquired the property in 1937 and owned it for 20 years, also undertook an extensive remodeling/renovation program. They dug out the basement under the main block, added a furnace, installed electricity and three bathrooms, built a sun porch on the east end and a two-story wing on the west, and covered the siding with asbestos shingles. They also removed the bay window and the front porch and added new shutters.

Alterations undertaken by the present owner have been included replacing the front windows installed in recent years by the present owner, replacing the older two over two sash and enclosing the sun porch on the east end to make it a family room.

There are a number of outbuildings which contribute to the architectural character of this farmstead. Immediately to the rear

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(south) of the house is a front gable, one bay log smokehouse (Bldg. #1) with a cedar shingle roof and clapboard siding. A board and batten door with metal strap hinges is centered in the north elevation. At the rear is a single window with six over six sash.

To the west of the smokehouse is a two bay, gambrel roof dairy barn (Bldg. #2) which has been converted for use as a garage. The roof is raised seam metal, the north gable end is covered in asphalt shingles, and the lower third of the barn is concrete-block. There are two six over six sash windows at the north gable end, with shutters. Entrance is from a large overhead garage door at the north elevation and a smaller entrance in the north-most bay of the east elevation. Attached at the northwest corner of the dairy barn and extending to the north is a newer one story, two bay, front gable garage with entrances from both the north and west elevations. The roof is composition material, the siding is clapboard.

To the west of the barn is a small, one bay, front gable shed with a patterned tin roof and board-and-batten siding (Bldg. #3). To the west of the shed is a north-facing cow barn, now used for horses. The three bay, front gable barn has board-and-batten siding and a large overhead door and vented windows in the north elevation. A former opening in the gable end is boarded over. There is a one story, shed roof addition on the east elevation. The roof is raised-seam metal and the foundation is Seneca sandstone. Attached to the rear (south) end is a row of open, shed-roof stalls (Bldg. #4).

To the west of this barn is a three bay, front gable corn crib with a small one bay, shed roof addition at the southeast corner. The roof is corrugated metal and the siding is vertical plank. The doors on either side of the gated center opening and in the addition have metal strap hinges and the foundation is Seneca sandstone. There is also a small door at the gable end, with metal strap hinges. Attached to the north end of the corn-crib is a row of shed-roof stalls and storage sheds (Bldg. #5).

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates c.1896-1936 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Higgins-King Farm is primarily significant for representing the evolution of a farm from the mid-19th century general farm to the early 20th century. The farmhouse includes a mid-19th century log section, late 19th century Victorian vernacular addition, and early 20th century Classical Revival updating.

This farm was originally owned by William Vinson, one of the earliest settlers in the area. Acquired by 1820, the property in question was part of some 2600 acres he owned, most of which was located on the other side of Seneca Creek, to the west. When Vinson died in 1840, his second son, William Benjamin Vinson acquired 173 acres and established a farm. Vinson may have built the earliest section of this house before he sold the property in 1853.<sup>1</sup>

Alexander C. H. Darne acquired the farm from Vinson the same year he inherited his parents farm, known as the Darne-Purdum Farm (#24/20), located due east. Choosing to build a house with his new wife, Mary Gassaway, on the latter property, Darne sold the farm in question in 1855 to James H. Higgins for \$2500. The relatively high price of \$14.45 per acre supports the premise that a house was already constructed on the property. Higgins is shown residing at this location on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map. At that time, Berryville Road was not yet established. The north half of the road was probably created by Higgins to access his farm from Darnestown Road (Rt. 28).<sup>2</sup>

Like the Vinsons, the Higginses were also early settlers here, having established themselves in the Sugarland area before 1787. The farm remained in the family for the next 80 years. When James died in 1868, his sons, John W., Otho, and Hilleary, inherited the property. Hopkins Atlas of 1879 shows Hilleary Higgins living here.<sup>3</sup> The only brother to marry, Hilleary, with his wife Sarah, had a daughter Virginia to whom the property descended after the three brothers died during the 1890s. Virginia, and her husband H. Carroll Walters are

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believed to have built the main section of the house about 1896, incorporating the earlier structure. After the family began experiencing financial trouble during the 1920s, they took out a mortgage on the farm in 1929.

In 1937, the property was purchased by Col. Ralph and Jane Freeman King for about \$3200. The Kings lived here for the next 22 years, specializing in cattle raising. The house was modernized in the Classical Revival style. The Kings moved to Florida when Ralph retired from the Marines in 1959, selling the farm to Harwood and Susan Pointer who continued the farming tradition by tending beef cattle.

In 1967, the majority of the farm was purchased by the State of Maryland for inclusion in the newly created Seneca Creek Park. Thirteen acres of land were left immediately surrounding the house and outbuildings which were purchased by the present owner, Katherine Magurn. Stalls were constructed and barns were converted to inhabit horses.

The Higgins-King Farm is located in the National Register Seneca Historic District, which was designated in 1978. It is listed as a contributing resource which exemplifies a large farm-house built around 1900 on a further division of relatives' tracts of land.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 14.24-23

See Attached Sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 13.00A

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization	M-NCPPC	date	May, 1994
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city or town	Silver Spring	state	MD

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**Chain of Title\***

by 1820 William Vinson pt. 2600a.  
d. 1840

1840 William Benjamin Vinson, son 173a.  
built 2 room 2 story log house (Deed Sts 2:29)

1853 Alex CH Darne (Deed JGH 2:142=143)

1855 James H. Higgins 173a \$2,500.\$14.45/a  
Died 1868 (Deed JGH 5:25b)

1868 Sons John W., Otho, Hilleary Higgins Deed JA 9:487 &  
died 1890s (will JWS 1:272)

1890s Virginia Higgins Walters & H. Carroll Walters  
House built c. 1896

1929 Mortgage (Mortgage PBR 369:330)

1937 Col. Ralph & Jane Freeman King \$3200.  
Cattle (Deeds CKW652:57 & 671:295)

1959 Harwood & Sue Pointer  
Beef cattle (Deed 2669:LE00)

1967 State Md. buys much of farm

1968 Katherine Magurn (Deed 3812:584)

\* Source: Nancy Houston, Research Notes

**Endnotes**

1 Most of the historical information comes from the following sources: Nancy Houston, "Fox-Afoot-Farm," **Little Acorn**, June 1990; Catherine Crawford, MHT Form, Resource # 24-23, August 1983.

2 MHT form #24-20. Martenet and Bond map 1865.

3 The name is spelled "Hillary Higgins" on the Hopkins Atlas.

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1938 View of Higgins-King Farmhouse  
Source: Nancy Houston private collection

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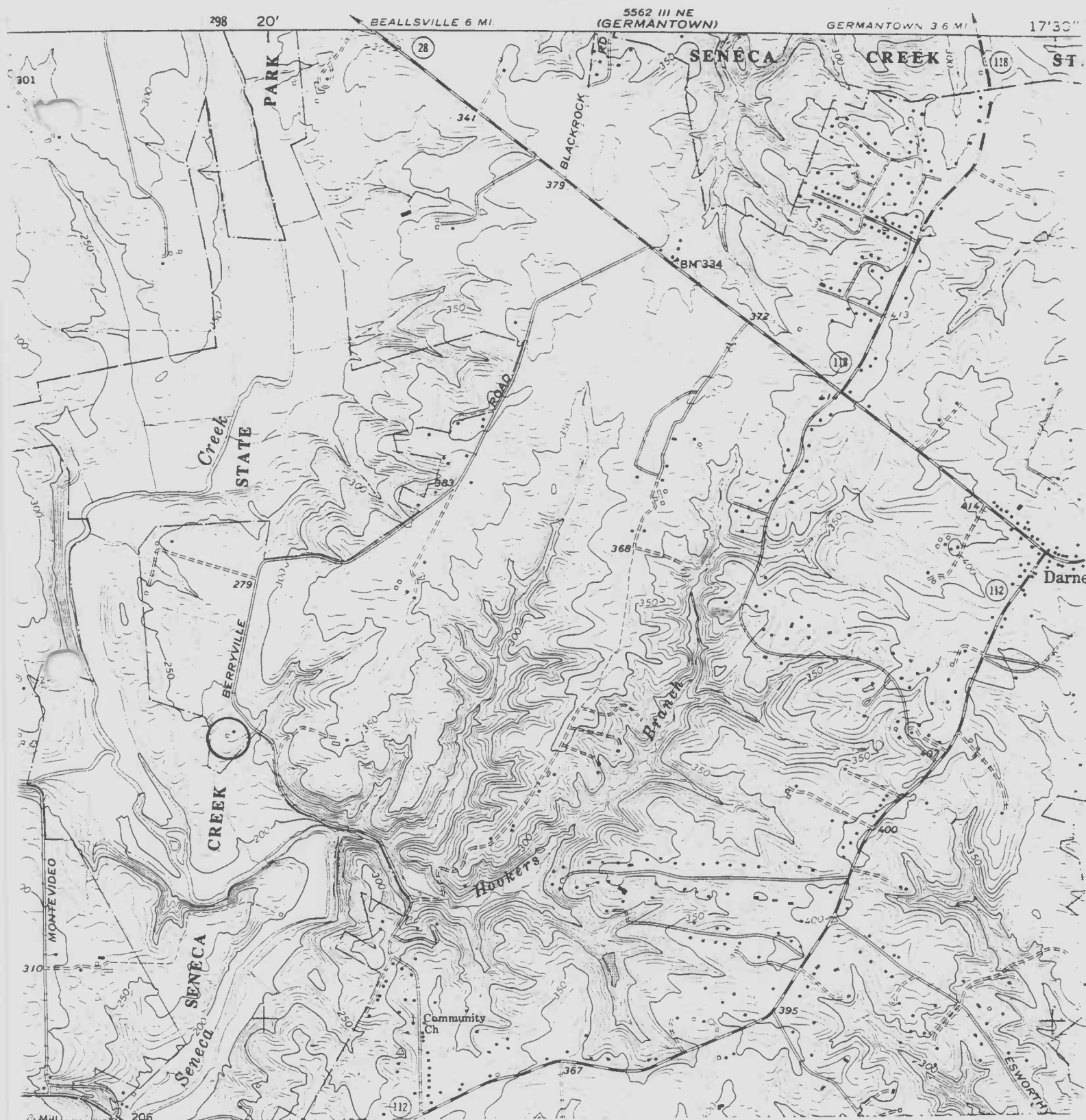
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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**  
**STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM**  
**LOCATIONAL MAP**

**SURVEY NO.:** <sup>M</sup>24/23  
**PROPERTY NAME:** Higgins-King House  
**TOWN:** Germantown  
**COUNTY:** MONTGOMERY  
**QUADRANGLE:** Seneca MD-VA



Higgins / King FAAM

M-24/23

14700 Berryville Rd

Darnestown MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman—

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NORTH (MAIN)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Higgins / King FARM

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NORTH (MAIN)

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SOUTH (REAR)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Higgins/King FARM

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14700 Berryville Rd

Darnestown MD 20874 (monthly)

L Snyderman

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West (Left) & South (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Higgins/King FARM

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East (Left) + North (Right)

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Higgins / King FARM (OUT BLDGS) (#5)

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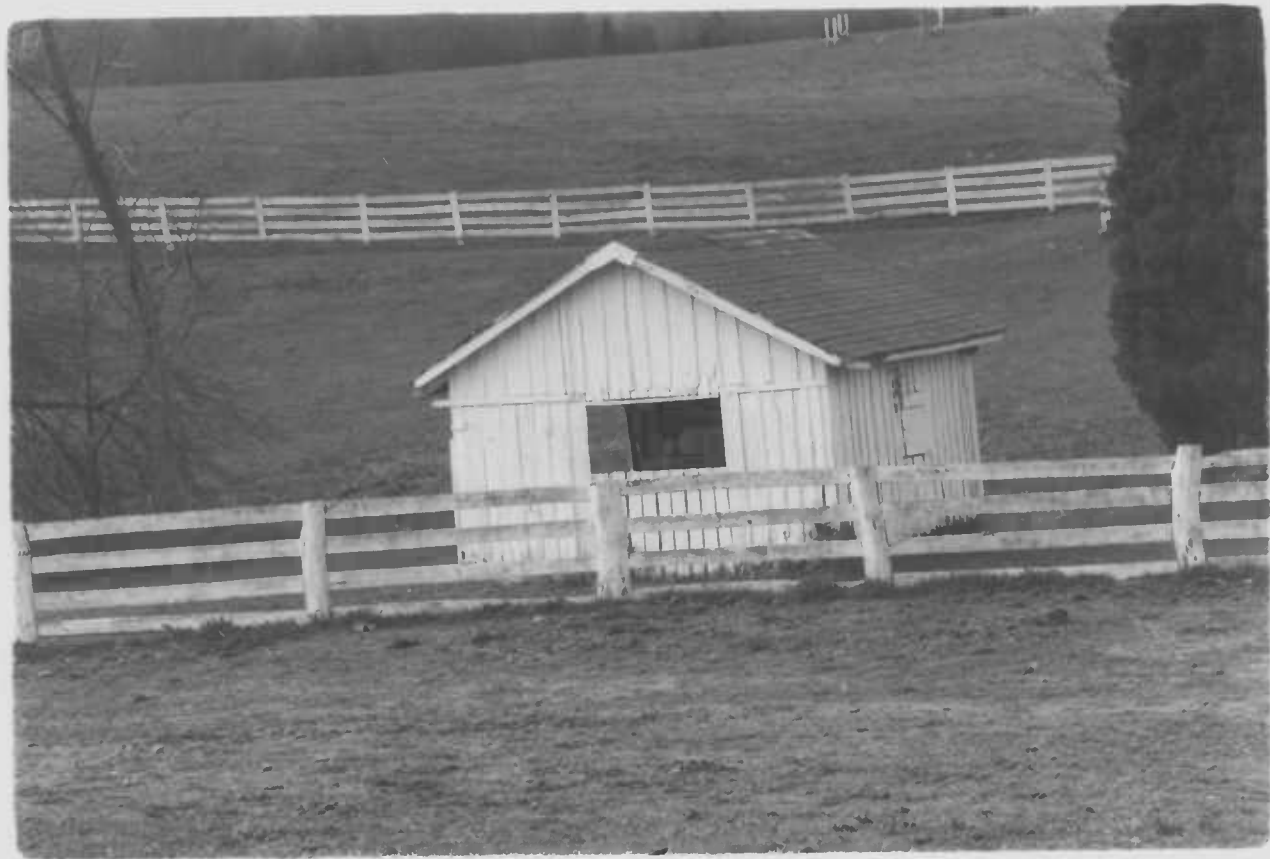
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North

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Higgins / King FARM (Outbuilding) (#3)

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Higgins/King FARM (Outbuildings: #4)

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Higgins / King FARM (Outbuildings) (Amshelvan)  
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Higgins/King FARM (Outbuildings) (Barn/Garage)  
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Higgins / King FARM (Outbuildings)

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Higgins/King FARM

(Outbuildings)

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Magi No. 1606495604

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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street & number folio 584

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date 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade. The central doorway is flanked by 2/2 double hung sash. The boxed cornice has small brackets. There is a central gable with a semi-circular, louvered window. To the rear is a two story el.</p>	

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### 3. Significance

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#### Specific dates

#### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The King House is a well maintained frame dwelling with Classical Revival styling, built during the late nineteenth century. Previous owners have stated, however, that parts of the house are much older. The property had belonged to the Higgins family for some time and therefore James Higgins' earlier house may have been included in the building of the present dwelling.

James H. Higgins purchased the approximately 173 acres of "Thomas Discovery Fortified" and "Pleasant Hill" tracts in 1855 from Alexander Darne.<sup>1</sup> James died in 1868 leaving the property to his sons; John W., Otho and Hilleary T. Higgins.<sup>2</sup> The Higgins family, all farmers, lived here for many years, passing the property on until 1936 when it was sold out of the family. The present dwelling is said to have been built about 1896 incorporating an earlier dwelling.<sup>3</sup> After the Higgins sold the house in 1936 it was purchased by Ralph and Jane King who owned it until it was sold in November of 1959.<sup>4</sup> The Kings made some interior changes but, aside from the application of asbestos shingles, the exterior of the house has reportedly remained the same.<sup>5</sup> It was purchased by the present owner, Katherine Magurn, in November of 1968.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Deed JGH 5/256, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>2</sup> Will JWS 1/272, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

<sup>3</sup> Conversation with the present owner, Katherine Magurn, 7/83, and the Montgomery County Commissioners Tax assesment Books, 1876-1910.

<sup>4</sup> Deed 671/295, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>5</sup> Katherine Magurn.

<sup>6</sup> Deed 3812/584, Montgomery County Land Records.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land Records  
Montgomery County Register of Wills  
Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessment Books  
Conversation with Katherine Magurn, 7/83

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 13 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.date 8/83

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Rockvillestate Md.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: <div style="text-align: center;">King House</div>				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center;">14700 Berryville Road</div>				
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Darnestown</div>				
STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>			COUNTY: <div style="text-align: center;">Montgomery</div>	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <div style="text-align: center;">K. F. Magurn</div>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center;">14700 Berryville Road</div>				
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Germantown</div>			STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <div style="text-align: center;">Montgomery County Courthouse</div>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: <div style="text-align: center;">Rockville</div>			STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">Maryland</div>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good           <input type="checkbox"/> Fair           <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated           <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins           <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed         </div>
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered           <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered         </div>
<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved           <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site         </div>	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade. The central doorway is flanked by 2/2 double hung sash. The boxed cornice has small brackets. There is a central gable with a semi-circular, louvered window. To the rear is a two story el.</p>	

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# **8. SIGNIFICANCE**

## **PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

## **SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

## **AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

22 May 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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